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In re Patent Application of	) Mail Stop AF
O'Rear et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1764
Application No.: 10/043,345	) Examiner: Dang, Thuan D.
Filed: January 14, 2002	) Confirmation No.: 6720
For: Improved Process for Ethylene Production from Fischer-Tropsch	) )

# **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA -1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, Applicants submit the following Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.

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### AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.					
	Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.					
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.					
	Also enclosed is/are					
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the   ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).					
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.					
	Applicant(s) previously submitted					
	on, for which continued examination is requested.					
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.					
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.					

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No additional claim fee is required. An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee				\$ 0.00	
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

Ш	A check in the amount of	of	is enclosed for the fee due.
	Charge	to Deposit Accou	ınt No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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